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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are present in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicant extends his appreciation to Examiner Atkinson for his courtesy in conducting the telephone interview with Applicant's representative on March 29, 2004. During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the above amendments to the claims, and Examiner Atkinson agreed that entry of the amendments is proper and that the amended claims distinguish the invention from the references of record. In particular, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to define at least one support engagement portion that snap couples and decouples the plate member and the elongate support apparatus. Applicant submits that the scope of claims 1 and 11 has not been revised.

In view of the above amendments and the interview, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Prompt passage to issuance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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